

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for controlling communication with a satellite at a remote location through a network, comprising:
  - (a) a ground station for receiving communication from, and transmitting communication to, the satellite; and
  - (b) a communication server connected to the network for receiving communication from, and transmitting communication to, the remote location, said communication server being in communication with said ground station.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein said satellite is in a low earth orbit.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote location is operating a Web browser, and said communication server is a Web server.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the remote location is operating a e-mail software program, and said communication server is an e-mail server.
6. A method for controlling communication with a satellite at a remote location through a network, the method comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving a communication from the satellite;
- (b) translating said communication into a network communication protocol for transmission on the network to form a translated communication; and
- (c) sending said translated communication to the remote location through the network.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said network communication protocol is HTTP, such that the remote location is operating a Web browser.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein said network communication protocol is an e-mail protocol, such that the remote location is operating an e-mail software program.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein the network is the Internet.